

I have subscribed to a relatively small, local internet service provider for a number of years. When DSL became available I chose to get my DSL through this provider even though it would be cheaper if I obtained it directly from my local phone company, SBC. I have heard enough about the difference in the level of service to make me quite satisfied with my choice.

I strongly oppose allowing the local telephone monopolies to have a monopoly over DSL service as well. Competition is good. My local ISP provides better service at a higher price, but they could not continue if SBC were not restricted. It could raise their price to a level no one would buy, or it could simply refuse access to its lines.

Please keep the present system and competition for DSL service!

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